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### Kind Applauds New Option for CCP

Public Support Essential for New Refuge Policy

**Washington, DC** – U.S. Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) issued the following statement regarding the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's announcement that it intends to draft a new "preferred alternative" (Alternative E) for the Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the Upper Mississippi River Wildlife and Fish Refuge:

"I am both pleased and encouraged that the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has heard the opinions of western Wisconsin residents and responded with a new CCP alternative based on that feedback. The key to any successful plan is buy-in from the public, and what this process has demonstrated is the importance of including citizens in formulating a consensus plan that preserves our beautiful refuge. I commend those who participated in the public comment sessions for their contributions as well as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the open and inclusive approach it has taken in considering the CCP."